

withdrew this application from issue and request the citation of this allegedly “newly discovered prior art” on a Form PTO-892.

Claims 11 and 13-15 stand rejected as anticipated by Krohn U.S. Patent No. 4,036,624.¹ This rejection is respectfully traversed, essentially on the same grounds as presented in applicants’ response of June 7, 2005.

This rejection should be withdrawn because Krohn ‘624 does not disclose the claimed cooling mechanism. Although the Examiner refers to a “cooling mechanism 20-23” in Krohn as corresponding to the claimed cooling mechanism, the disclosure in Krohn starting at column 10, line 45, shows that elements 20, 21 and 23 are bricks that each have cuts in them that result in their being progressively farther away from (and farther outside of) arcuate furnace shell 12. Element 22 is simply a cut in brick 21; element 24, to which the Examiner does not refer, is a cut in brick 23. These bricks 20, 21 23 are not part of the heating furnace, as they are located completely outside the path along which the lenses to be treated travel in Krohn’s apparatus. Furthermore, these bricks are not located so as to correspond to the claimed positions *within the heating furnace* in which the lens does not require coloration and do not provide such a function. Fig. 1 of Krohn clearly shows these bricks as being completely outside furnace 12. The Examiner’s application of Krohn against claims 11 and 13-15 fails to give weight to the express requirement of these claims that the cooling mechanism be located within the heating furnace and separate from the frame section. If anything, Krohn teaches away from applicants’ invention and certainly does not identically disclose it. As a result, claims 11 and 13-15 are patentable over Krohn ‘624 and should be allowed.

¹ The Examiner *still* has not officially made Krohn ‘624 of record on a Form PTO-892 in this application, notwithstanding applicants’ request in footnote 1 of their response of June 7, 2005. Applicants again respectfully request the Examiner to make the Krohn ‘624 reference properly of record on a Form PTO-892.

Claims 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) on Krohn '624 in view of Kamata. This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of Krohn's failure to disclose the features for which the Examiner relies on Krohn '624 to support this rejection. Even if Kamata were to be combined in hindsight with Krohn '624, the combination would fail to show the cooling mechanism as claimed that is within the heating furnace and separate from the frame section. This rejection should be withdrawn.

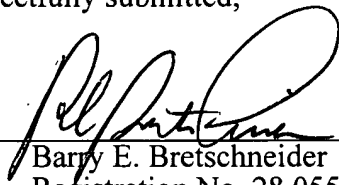
Early action allowing claims 11 and 13-17 is solicited.

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